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02/06/2013 Minutes

Arlington Open Space Committee Minutes – February 6, 2013

Present: Ann LeRoy, Joey Glushko, Lisa Decker, David White

Absent: Elizabeth Karpati, Jane Auger, Michele Hassler, Teresa DeBenedictis, Patsy Kraemer, Leslie Mayer

Although we did not have a quorum, we agreed to review and approve minutes from November and December 2012.

Annual Report – Ann delivered the OSC annual report to the Town Manager and Information Officer on January 18.

The list of OSC member terms, which is part of the report, shows some lapsed members: Teresa, Leslie, Michele, and Patsy. Let me know if you have been reappointed recently. I will coordinate with the Town Manager's office on these appointments (they are trying to get all boards up-to-date). IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE AND INTERESTED IN CONTINUING ON THE COMMITTEE, we must find a way to get other appointments to represent your departments and commissions. We really need full participation in this committee, especially as we begin to focus on the update of the Open Space Plan, and as the work of the Master Plan gets underway.

Ethics Law Material – Joey reminded all members to go online to review and complete the ethics course and forms. Complete instructions are on this site. When completed, send a copy of your certificate to Joey.

<http://www.mass.gov/ethics/education-and-training-resources/implementation-procedures/municipal-employee-summary.html>

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Mill Brook Linear Park – The main concern remains pedestrian access issues following replacement of the Arlington Catholic practice field and a new fence that inhibits access. David will follow up with the Conservation Commission, which has jurisdiction for the work adjacent to Mill Brook, and will try to set up a meeting with other town officials.

Master Plan – The process has been delayed until the contract with the planning consultant is finalized. The next scheduled meeting is on March 5.

Open Space Plan – The revised plan is due by December 2014, and we plan to request funds at the 2014 Town Meeting to hire a consultant, using CDBG funds as we did for the previous plan in 2007. We will have to develop a scope of work and get estimates for this work in fall 2013 in order to prepare for the 2014 warrant.

Other Projects

- No news on the Open Space of Arlington book/website, but this material and maps by Adam Kurowski will be very useful in updating the Open Space Plan.
- The 2013 Arlington Reservoir Calendar has been very popular, and David reports that sales netted about \$900 for the Reservoir Committee.
- The Tree Committee has many new members, but is becoming bogged down in some legal and procedural issues, according to Lisa. The goal is to get as many new trees planted around town as possible.
- No particular news on Busa Farm, Symmes, Downing Square or rain gardens.

EcoFest – Sat, March 23, 10 am – 2 pm at Arlington Town Hall. Ann has reserved a table and will coordinate our participation. Please let her know if you can attend and help that day.

Ann LeRoyer
February 15, 2013

Next Meetings: March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5